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Burch's Lawn and Garden turns another page

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After 25 years beautifying Martin County, Burch's Lawn and Garden Center, on Main Street in Loogootee, is closing. Owner Tracy Burch is downsizing and will be relocating to her lakeside greenhouses on North Oak Street where she will sell flowers directly from that location.

Burch's Lawn and Garden began as a dream for Paul and Tracy Burch back in 1992. Tracy had been selling vegetables and flowers from a warehouse on Main Street for a couple years before this time. She said she would haul the plants out onto the sidewalk and wait for passersby to stop and buy something. Then in August of 1992, her husband, Paul, purchased the Larkin Lumber Company building on Main Street while she was away visiting friends in Michigan. When she returned home, Paul told her they were going to start a garden center. Tracy said that since she grew up in Detroit, Michigan, she knew nothing of growing flowers. "I thought that dandelions were pretty flowers," she said. Despite her reluctance, Paul taught her the trade and it became a family business with her children, Theresa, Cindy, Angela, Chris and Renee alongside.

Their first child, Theresa, 36, is married to Adam Miller of Montgomery. They have three children, Jake, Lincoln, and Abby. Tracy said Theresa was her dad's right hand man from the beginning, helping with bookkeeping, inventory and other paperwork.

Their second child, Cindy, 34, married Mike McAtee of Loogootee. The couple also has three children, Macy, Marley and Micah.

The third child, who Tracy calls Paul's lookalike, is 33-year-old Christopher. Tracy said Chris and Cindy were the brawn and heavy laborers of the bunch, working alongside their dad digging ditches, running the mower or tractor,

landscaping in sweltering weather and just following their dad around to be his gopher.

Fourth child, Angie, 30, is married to Andy Ochs of Loogootee. They have two children, Ashlyn and Anderson.

Paul and Tracy's youngest child, Renee, 18, graduates from high school this month and is getting ready to go to college. Tracy said Renee practically grew up at the garden center and was Paul's shadow, following him everywhere.

The first building the Burch's purchased, the former lumber company, required major remodeling and Tracy said she was doubtful it would ever be what Paul wanted it to be. She said all she saw was an old, rundown, dusty, spider web filled building that needed a new roof, walls and floors. "He was a true visionary," she said. "He looked around and saw the endless possibilities and tried to share them with me." She said she looks back at the pictures now and is amazed at what one man accomplished.

Three years after the opening of the first Burch's Garden Center, Paul and Tracy purchased the lot across the street and eventually put up to retail greenhouses, with the help of his brother, Martin. The first building became more known to the public as the pet food center and in the second building, along with plants, Tracy sold wood crafts and Paul sold a variety of other products over the years.

Tracy said Paul always believed in community involvement and he proved that by doing fundraisers for the band boosters, churches, Relay for Life, etc. and having events for Arbor Day.

Also, at the Burch's lakeside greenhouses on North Oak Street, they hosted a variety of activities from weddings, bible schools, group tours, and served as the setting for prom and wedding photos. "The beautiful, peaceful lake-
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County council approves additional money for the highway department

The Martin County Council met Monday, May 2. Councilman Randy L. Winger was absent.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett submitted an additional appropriation for approval. Terri Alcorn, highway clerk, explained the appropriation was needed for bridge inspections and repairs. Phase II of the bridge inspections was just completed. There are 12 bridges throughout the county needing repair. The letting of bridge #11 will be this week. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from cumulative bridge, bridges, contract services-\$15,000. Councilman Stiles made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Superintendent Padgett gave an update on the beam repair for the Spout Springs Bridge. The only bid received to replace the beam was for \$89,500. Superintendent Padgett will discuss this issue with the commissioners and return with a decision. The use of SEA 67 funds was

discussed but decided to further review later in the meeting.

Auditor Roush explained SEA 67 to the council. SEA 67 is a special one-time distribution to all counties. The funds are being distributed from the trust account maintained by the state. The county as a whole will receive \$168,238.26 to be distributed to all the county units. The county itself will receive \$114,859.65. The state has given special instructions for these funds and how they are to be spent. At least 75 percent of the county's distribution must be used exclusively by the county for road improvement. The remaining amount must be distributed to the county general fund or rainy day fund. The council discussed several different options including giving the highway enough of the funding to the replace the beam on Spout Springs Bridge and to also give them 100 percent of the distribution. Auditor Roush is unsure whether
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-Photos provided

Shown above is Burch's Lawn and Garden Center, on Main Street in Loogootee, when it opened in 1996. Below is the construction of the main greenhouse that was started by Paul Burch and his brother, Martin, on January 1, 1996. The grand opening was held the weekend of May 4 and 5, 1996.



Martin County father and daughter air lifted after ATV accident

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an ATV accident that resulted in a father and daughter being flown to separate hospitals after they were ejected from their ATV when it flipped multiple times. The accident happened on Sunday in Shoals.

The operator David Lents, 45, of Shoals, was flown to St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville with internal injuries. The passenger, Brittany Lents, of Shoals, was flown to Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville and was determined to have minor injuries.

The accident occurred when the ATV left the roadway and then reentered the

roadway causing a loss of control. Excessive speed is also believed to have been a contributing factor.

The accident happened while the ATV was heading north on East River Road near Shoals at approximately 2:30 p.m. May 7.

Responding agencies included the Martin County Sheriff's Department, Loogootee Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County EMS, Air Evac, St. Mary's Life Flight and Indiana Conservation Officers.

Brittany Lents was wearing a helmet which is believed to have helped prevent head trauma and facial injuries.

West Boggs Park hosts inaugural Conservation Day this Saturday

The public can learn about the West Boggs Lake restoration and get tips on how to manage private ponds and lakes during the inaugural West Boggs Conservation Day, May 14.

The event runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at West Boggs Park in Loogootee. Conservation Day is a partnership between the park, the DNR, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the soil and water conservation districts of Daviess and Martin counties. It is sponsored by Aquatic Control and Daviess-Martin County REMC.

DNR fisheries biologist Dave Kitaka will speak about the West Boggs Lake restoration and what anglers can expect there this summer.

DNR aquatic invasive species coordinator Eric Fischer will share tips to help stem the tide of unwanted aquatic

species.

Vince Pitstick, a soil conservationist with NRCS, will speak about factors in his area expertise people who plan to build a pond should consider.

DNR assistant fisheries biologist Debra King will share information on how and when to stock fish into private ponds and how to manage ponds that are stocked.

In 2014, West Boggs Lake was drawn down to about 10 percent of its normal volume so that biologists from the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife could renovate the lake's fishery. The lake had been invaded by gizzard shad, which had stunted bluegill growth and caused bass numbers to decline.

The lake was restocked with thousands of bluegill, redear sunfish, black crappie, largemouth bass and catfish.

BURCH'S

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side scenery is the result of one man's vision to create an oasis for others to enjoy on the sometimes weary road of life," said Tracy.

Paul was diagnosed with cancer in the summer of 2011. On November 2, 2012, he lost his battle. His two-night showing, held outside under a tent, was attended by more than 2,000 people. Tracy said Paul's faithful dog, Princess, kept watch by his casket during the showing and wouldn't leave him.

Tracy said that the last project Paul wanted to do before he found out he had cancer was to open a free soup kitchen. He wanted it to have a design like Cracker Barrel restaurants with antiques of all kinds on display inside and out. "He wanted future generations to understand how life used to be and to appreciate their heritage," she said. Paul had planned to have his children and grandchildren prepare and served the meals from livestock and produce they raised to help them further understand what it meant to be of service to others. Paul had laid the corner stakes on the site of the future soup kitchen the day he found out he had cancer.

Despite not taking many vacations over the years and working tirelessly to keep the businesses from going stagnant, Tracy said that Paul made work seem like fun. "We had fun wherever we were and whatever we were doing," she said. She said that Paul judged the value of each day not by how much work he did or how much money he made, but by how many people he could help or make smile. "He brought joy and laughter to all he met, he considered it almost a ministry," said Tracy. She said over the years Paul helped countless teens and young adults learn the value of a day's work. She said that during Paul's funeral, she was told story after story of how he helped someone, some things she was completely unaware of. "It wasn't just a business. It was a blessing to our family, to our community and beyond. The lessons he taught are lasting a lifetime," she said.

Paul's best friend was his sister, Diana (Schutte). Tracy said she had never seen such true love, respect and commitment between siblings, before or since. "They were inseparable throughout their lives and she was there by his side when he left this earth," said Tracy.

Before Paul died, he told Tracy he wanted her to sell the business as he didn't want her to work so hard keeping it afloat. She said she was determined to prove to him, herself and her family that she was Superwoman and could handle it. After having shoulder surgery, she realized she was not Superwoman and could not grow flowers for the first time in many years. In 2014, she sold the pet food center and planned to continue with limited inventory in the garden center across the street. This year however, she decided to downsize again and sell the garden center too. She is currently working to mark down and sell all the inventory, displays and equipment that is a part of that business.

Tracy will continue to grow and sell plants from Burch's Lakeside Greenhouses on North Oak Street, located just past the Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter. "It is the perfect location to raise and sell my products. There is lots of parking space, it's a beautiful, peaceful atmosphere and the possibilities are endless. It's an exciting time!" she said. Tracy said she and her fiancé, Mark Smith, plan to make Burch's Lakeside Greenhouses better than ever next year.

"I miss Paul and the good old days with our family," said Tracy. She said that their story is not just about a long-standing Loogootee business but also the story of their family and how they were all in it together from the beginning. Tracy said Paul used to say when asked how he was doing when he was so sick, "Fantastic. If I were any better, I'd be twins!" Baffled, Tracy said they would ask him how he could be so positive. She said he would respond, "Well, yesterday is gone and I may not have tomorrow, so today is the best day of my life."



Photo provided

The late Paul Burch is shown above, many years ago, with loyal companion, Becky, changing the sign at Burch's Garden Center. Paul's wife, Tracy, said that even almost four years after he's been gone, people still comment often that they miss Paul and the wonderful person that he was.

COUNCIL

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the distribution can be used for a bridge repair but will investigate and let the council know. After a brief discussion, Councilman Albright made a motion to give 75 percent of the \$114,859.65, which is \$86,144.74 to the highway for road improvements and the remaining \$28,714.91 to distribute to the rainy day fund. Councilwoman Gee made the second. The motion passed 4-2. Councilman Hawkins was opposed because he felt the highway should receive 100 percent of the funding. Councilman Stiles was opposed because he wanted the highway to receive enough of the distribution to fund the entire project on Spout Springs Bridge. The amount distributed to the highway will be kept in a special fund to account for the restricted portion of the distribution.

Sheriff Travis Roush submitted additional appropriations for approval. The appropriations were for the CodeRed contract and for replacement of one of the Dodge Ram trucks. CodeRed is a county-wide notification system. Councilwoman Gee made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from public safety LOIT, other services & charges, contract services-\$8,320 and capital outlay, police vehicle-\$8,000. Councilwoman McFeaters made the second. All were in favor and the mo-

tion passed.

Auditor Roush also explained the circuit breaker report. The circuit breaker report is a detailed listing of how the property tax circuit breakers will affect the county. County-wide the county will lose \$92,489.10 in property tax revenue.

Auditor Roush submitted the tourism report and minutes on behalf of Jim Stoughton.

Councilman Stiles showed the council different samples of rock that he found on his road. He believes the council needs to re-consider where we purchase the rock from. The rock from the middle of the road was flat and sharp whereas the rock from the side of the road was more rounded and not pointed.

The council set the budget hearings for Tuesday, September 6, 2016 and Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6 p.m. is cancelled. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 prior to the budget hearings.

The council tentatively set an executive session with the commissioners for Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m. The next council meeting will be held Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

AMANDA YODER

Amanda (Knepp) Yoder entered into eternal rest at 8:27 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2016 surrounded by her loving family. A resident of Montgomery, she was 85.

She was born in Daviess County on May 6, 1931; daughter of the late Samuel and Rosanna (Yoder) Knepp.

She married Alvin E. Yoder on April 4, 1953 and he preceded her in death on September 18, 2011. She was mem-

ber of Canaan Fellowship Church.

She is survived by daughters, Linda (Willard) Knepp of Fairland, Oklahoma; Loretta (Delbert) Knepp, Betty (David) Knepp, both of Montgomery, Leona (Gerald) Graber of Plainville and Christina (Robert) Warne of Washington; sons, Alvin Ray (Joyce) Yoder of Rockville, Kentucky; David (Phyllis) Yoder, Samuel (Loretta) Yoder, Jerry (Sarah) Yoder, Lloyd (Karen) Yo-

der, all of Loogootee, and Floyd (Betty) Yoder of Owentown, Kentucky; 44 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; sisters, Alma (Joe) Stoll, Rosa (Leroy) Stoll, Naomi (Amos) Graber; and sisters-in-law, Mary (Noah) Knepp, Katie (Wilmer) Knepp and Naomi (Nick) Stoll.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Rosanna (Yoder) Knepp; husband, Alvin E. Yoder;

sisters, Mary, Susie, Elvena, Elizabeth and Fannie; brothers, Noah, Joseph, Wilmer and Samuel Jr. and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 9 at Simon J. Graber Complex in Odon. Burial followed in Canaan Fellowship Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

Lawrence County pair arrested in Martin County

Two Lawrence County residents were jailed on multiple charges after fleeing from a trooper.

At 1:33 p.m. Sunday, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents was patrolling US 50 west of Shoals when he observed a red Plymouth Neon traveling at a high rate of speed and without a license plate. After Lents turned on his emergency lights and attempted to pull the Plymouth over, the driver accelerated out of sight of Lents.

Lents, after not immediately locating the vehicle, believed that the driver had turned onto Peeks Road off of US 50. Lents drove down Peeks Road to Sanders Lane, both of which are dead end roads, and waited to see if the Plymouth would return towards US 50.

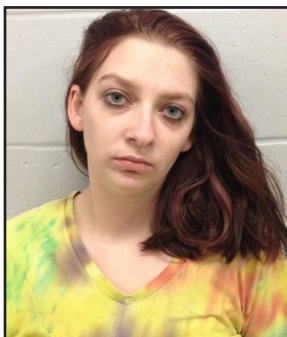
Moments later, the Plymouth approached Lents on Sanders Lane. Lents

activated his emergency lights again and blocked the Plymouth from driving around him. The driver, 24-year-old Jer-



ZOLLMAN

emiah Zollman, of Bedford, was immediately placed into custody without incident. Lents learned through his investigation that Zollman was in fact attempting to flee from him



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because the car did not have a license plate.

While searching the Plymouth, Lents found drug paraphernalia and marijuana tucked between the seat of the car in a location that both Zollman and his passenger, 23-year-old Miranda Houston, of Mitchell, could have accessed it.

Zollman was charged with resisting

law enforcement with a vehicle; Zollman and Houston were both charged on multiple drug charges. They were lodged

in the Martin County Jail without incident and held on no bond. Lents was assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department

Charges:

- Resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a Level 6 Felony
- Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor
- Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor
- Miranda N. Houston
- False informing, a Class B Misdemeanor
- Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor
- Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor

Spring Mill SP hosts Civil War Days, May 28-30

Learn about life in Indiana during the Civil War by going to Spring Mill State Park during Memorial Day weekend.

The park's Civil War Days event runs May 28-30. On both Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29, a battle will be re-enacted at 2:30 p.m. on Sycamore Field. At 7 p.m. on Saturday, Stony Point will perform for a period dance outside Sycamore Shelter. Attendees can watch or join historic re-enactors and learn dance steps from the 1860s.

Sunday also features a worship service with the Mitchell Ministerial Association at 8:30 a.m. at the meeting house. Cannons at Sycamore Field will be fired at 9:15 p.m.

On Memorial Day, May 30, at 2 p.m., the park will host a pioneer memorial service at Hamer Cemetery to commemorate soldiers who died in the Civil War.

Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 2

5:19 a.m. - Deputy Reed removed a tree from the roadway north of Shoals.

9:40 a.m. - Corporal Baker took two inmates to court.

10:15 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:25 a.m. - Sheriff Roush and Corporal Baker took three inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

1:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:19 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing and damage to property north of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

4:49 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

6:13 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist on US 50 in Shoals.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of property damage in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate from Daviess County Jail for court.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:11 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and all was okay.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

39 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded

Accident reports

TUESDAY, MAY 3

3:20 p.m. - Ella Donnersberger, of Loogootee, was operating a 2003 Ford in the LHS parking lot. After exiting a parking spot, Donnersberger stuck a 2001 vehicle owned by Patrick Bruner, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

3:30 p.m. - Brandi M. Gilbert, of Shoals, was operating a Jeep and stopped at a traffic light when her vehicle was struck in the rear by a 2001 Ford operated by Matthew C. Gillick, of Loogootee. Captain Akles investigated.

and all was okay.

4:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:43 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Shoals.

11:20 a.m. - Corporal Baker took one inmate to court.

12:20 p.m. - Deputy Floyd took one inmate to the Daviess County Jail.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 650. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health.

9:00 a.m. - Deputy Floyd took two inmates to court.

10:50 a.m. - Deputy Floyd took two inmates to court.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

1:20 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:25 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

3:20 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a dog bite in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

9:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Sergeant Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:41 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

3:05 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist near Shoals.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Floyd and Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on US 50, east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

8:08 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Sheriff Roush and Deputy Floyd responded.

10:56 p.m. - Received a report of

a disturbance south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

12:34 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious people in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd and Major Burkhardt responded. All was okay.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:18 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Air Evac responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health.

5:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of a

car-deer accident near Crane. Deputy Reed responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

1:26 a.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Deputy Salmon responded.

7:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:31 a.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging across SR 500 near Shoals. Captain Dant responded and the state highway department was notified.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a car in the water at Hindostan. Deputy Reed, Sheriff Roush, ICO Mann, and Shoals Fire responded.



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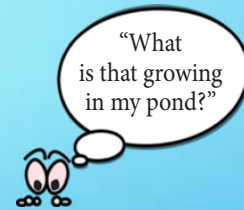
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Dave Kittaka, IDNR Fishery Biologist

It's been a year and a half since the West Boggs fishery renovation and biologist are monitoring the recovery of the fishery. Dave can tell you what you can expect at West Boggs this summer.

AQUATIC NUISANCE/INVASIVE SPECIES

Eric Fischer, IDNR Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

What's out there? What's coming? Prevent headaches, and learn what you can do to stem the tide of unwanted aquatic species.

POND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Vince Pitstick, NRCS Soil Conservationist

Where do I begin? How to avoid potential pitfalls of owning a pond? Vince has some tips and things you should consider.

MANAGING A FISHERY

Debra King, IDNR Assistant Fishery Biologist

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

April 19

Jordan Davis, convicted of auto theft, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 169 actual days previously served plus 169 Class 1 credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 19

Jordan G. Davis, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of criminal mischief, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed.

May 6

Travis R. Salmon, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 27

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. James Johnson, civil collection.

April 29

Denise M. Harding vs. Todd D. Harding, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Fidelity National Title Insurance Company and against the defendants Larry G. Belcher and Jamie A. Belcher in the amount of \$74,666.50.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 28

Procol vs. Tracie Stuckey, complaint.
Procol vs. Robert Smith, complaint.

May 2

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Phillip J. Walton, complaint.

May 3

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jasmine N. Harner, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Diana Kidwell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Melissa Ashby, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Nathan Shultz, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Shawn Harker, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Donna S. Haulk, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

May 6

Martin County real estate transfers

Erma M. Lowery-Dye to Mary Virginia Felix, part of the northeast quarter of Section 7, and part of the west fractional Section 8, all being in Township 3 North, Range 3 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.79 acres, more or less.

Curtis Kidwell and Chelsea Kidwell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Curtis Kidwell**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 42 and 44 in Sims' Second Addition to the Town of Indian Springs and Lot Numbered 43 in Sims' Extension to the Town of Indian Springs.

Frank P. Bledsoe, of Martin County, Indiana to **JLNT Rentals, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Williams Bros. Land Company, LLC to Jeffrey D. Smith and Angela B. Smith, of Dubois County, Indiana, that portion of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Heather White and against the defendants Nathan Carrico and Audree (Ader) Carrico in the amount of \$450. Also, a judgment in favor of the defendants Nathan Carrico and Audree Carrico against the defendant Heather White in the amount of \$256.47.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 29

Michael R. Strange of Loogootee and Patricia E. McCutchen of Corydon.

May 2

Christopher J. Wadsworth of Shoals and Jill M. Albright of Shoals.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 2

7:38 p.m. - Travis Bauernfiend, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller for domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Sheriff Roush.

10:22 p.m. - James Wallisa, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller for battery, intimidation, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Captain Henette, Deputy Reed, Captain Dant, and Town Marshal Eckert.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:00 a.m. - Frederick Thomas, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by ICO Doane on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Floyd.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

6:16 a.m. - Joshua Jones, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Reed for intimidation, theft, and unlawful entry into a vehicle. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Salmon.

1:58 p.m. - Miranda Houston, 23, of Mitchell, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and false informing. She is being held without bond. Captain Dant assisted with the arrest.

2:12 p.m. - Jeremiah Zollman, 24, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Captain Dant.

of the second principal meridian, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 44 square feet, more or less.

Jordan Hawkins and Leslie Brooke Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas R. Miller II and Amanda Kay Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, 0.6 acres in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Robert E. Taylor and Sabra D. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to **Theodore Michael Bridgewater**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 18 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 2

2:30 p.m. - Female came on station to request assistance in getting some personal property back.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Broadway Street.

4:19 p.m. - Caller reported a broken down semi on Broadway Street.

4:40 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

7:20 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a civil matter.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of property damage at Wendy's.

10:05 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

3:55 p.m. - Received a call of an abandoned vehicle on Broadway Street.

4:11 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:32 p.m. - Caller reported a female had dropped off kittens outside the humane society.

5:14 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

7:26 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

Indiana State Police to participate in Click It or Ticket Campaign

May 6th thru 30th, 2016, Indiana State Police Troopers throughout the state will join officers from more than 250 state and local agencies in Indiana, as well as thousands more across the nation, in the federally funded Click It or Ticket campaign. This campaign also includes the Memorial Day holiday weekend and the federally funded Combined Accident Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.) overtime project.

During this period, troopers will be raising awareness about the benefits of occupant restraints through education and enforcement, and utilizing high visibility patrols and sobriety checkpoints to help ensure the safest environment for all motorists on Indiana roadways.

According to the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, in 2015, there were 818 fatalities on Indiana roadways with 33 percent of those fatalities unrestrained.

"Statistics have shown that wearing a seatbelt and properly restraining children in a child restraint seat dramatically reduces the possibility of injuries and death from a traffic crash," commented Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. "We are committed to ensuring everyone buckles up every time, all the time, to safeguard Hoosier's while traveling throughout Indiana."

The Indiana State Police remind motorists to:

Wear seatbelts and utilize child restraint devices.

Appoint a designated driver if you plan to drink alcoholic beverages.

Never ride with someone that has been drinking. Don't let them drive. Be a friend and take the keys.

To report dangerous and/or impaired driving, dial 911.

7:36 p.m. - Received a call of a broken down vehicle on Vincennes Street.

10:22 p.m. - Female reported a lost dog. Red English Bulldog with a red collar.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

9:05 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

2:45 p.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

1:00 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

2:10 p.m. - Received a call of a disturbance in Shaded Estates.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported the family dog had bitten him.

7:41 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist in blocking traffic.

8:30 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

11:00 a.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on US 231.

12:10 p.m. - Caller requested an officer at a local business due to an irate customer.

12:40 p.m. - First responders were requested at McDonald's for a medical call.

9:41 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officer Todd located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

11:38 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

12:34 a.m. - Received a call of possible intoxicated persons on Broadway Street. Officer Todd located and the subjects checked out okay.

5:53 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

10:39 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on North Line Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

11:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

5:26 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported his vehicle had been stolen. Vehicle was later located.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



There are some parts of history that are unique. The following is kind of a long story but I consider it well worth sharing. Hope you like it.

Western stagecoach companies were big business in the latter half of the 19th century. In addition to passengers and freight, stages hauled gold and silver bullion as well as mining company payrolls.

Stage robbery was a constant danger and bandits employed many strategies to ambush a stagecoach.

Thieves rarely met with much resistance from stage drivers, since they had passenger safety foremost in mind. The gang was usually after the Wells Fargo money box with its valuable contents. Passengers were seldom hurt, but they were certainly relieved of their cash, watches and jewelry.

Before the completion of the transcontinental railroad over Donner Pass in 1868, the only transportation through the Sierra was by stage. Rugged teamsters held rein over six wild-eyed horses as they tore along the precipitous mountain trails. The stagecoaches were driven by skilled and fearless men who pushed themselves and their spirited horses to the limit.

One of the most famous drivers was Charles Darkey Parkhurst, who had come west from New England in 1852 seeking his fortune in the Gold Rush. He spent 15 years running stages, sometimes partnering with Hank Monk, the celebrated driver from Carson City. Over the years, Parkhurst's reputation as an expert whip grew. From 20 feet away he could slice open the end of an envelope or cut a cigar out of a man's mouth. Parkhurst smoked cigars, chewed wads of tobacco, drank with the best of them, and exuded supreme confidence behind the reins. His judgment was sound and pleasant manners won him many friends.

One afternoon as Charley drove down from Carson Pass the lead horses veered off the road and a wrenching jolt threw him from the rig. He hung on to the reins as the horses dragged him along on his stomach. Amazingly, Parkhurst managed to steer the frightened horses back onto the road and save all his grateful passengers.

During the 1850s, bands of surly highwaymen stalked the roads. These outlaws would level their shotguns at stage drivers and shout, "Throw down the gold box!" Charley Parkhurst had no patience for the crooks despite their demands and threatening gestures.

The most notorious road agent was nicknamed "Sugarfoot." When he and his gang accosted Charley's stage, it was the last robbery the thief ever attempted. Charley cracked his whip defiantly, and when his horses bolted, he turned around and fired his revolver at the crooks. Sugarfoot was later found dead with a fatal bullet wound in his stomach.

In appreciation of his bravery, Wells Fargo presented Parkhurst with a large watch and chain made of solid gold. In 1865, Parkhurst grew tired of the demanding job of driving and he opened

his own stage station. He later sold the business and retired to a ranch near Soquel, California. The years slipped by and Charley died on December 29, 1879, at the age of 67. A few days later, the Sacramento Daily Bee published his obituary. It read;

"On Sunday last, there died a person known as Charley Parkhurst, aged 67, who was well-known to old residents as a stage driver. He was in early days accounted one of the most expert manipulators of the reins who ever sat on the box of a coach. It was discovered when friendly hands were preparing him for his final rest, that Charley Parkhurst was unmistakably a well-developed woman!"

Once it was discovered that Charley was a woman, there were plenty of people to say they had always thought he wasn't like other men. Even though he wore leather gloves summer and winter, many noticed that his hands were small and smooth. He slept in the stables with his beloved horses and was never known to have had a girlfriend.

Charley never volunteered clues to her past. Loose fitting clothing hid her femininity and after a horse kicked her, an eye patch over one eye helped conceal her face. She weighed 175 pounds, could handle herself in a fistfight and drank whiskey like one of the boys.

It turns out that Charley's real name was Charlotte Parkhurst. Abandoned as a child, she was raised in a New Hampshire orphanage unloved and surrounded by poverty. Charlotte ran away when she was 15 years old and soon discovered that life in the working world was easier for men. So she decided to masquerade as one for the rest of her life.

The rest is history.

Well, almost. There is one last thing. On November 3, 1868, Charlotte Parkhurst cast her vote in the national election, dressed as a man. She became the first woman to vote in the United States, 52 years before Congress passed the 19th amendment giving American women the right to vote!

Make someone smile today!

Skelton Museum to host Monthly Comedy Film Series

It is said that "Laughter is the best medicine," and no one knew that better than America's clown, Red Skelton. To continue Red's legacy of laughter, the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy will launch a monthly Skelton Sunday Funny Film series beginning May 16. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The museum is located adjacent to Vincennes University's Red Skelton Performing Arts Center. Films will be shown on the third Sunday of each month starting at 4 p.m. EDT.

Each film will open with an introduction by Mark Kratzner, and the series is presented with assistance from Hilliard Lyons Wealth Advisory Group of Princeton. For more information, contact the Red Skelton Museum of American Comedy, 812-888-2105.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office meeting room. The meeting is open to the public.

Pridemore Dedication

The Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter and the John Wallace DAR Chapter will be having a Rededication of the Patriot Grave Marker and the Dedication of an SAR Patriot Marker for Rev. War Patriot Theodore Pridemore in Pridemore Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. This cemetery is located in Halbert Township, Martin County on the north side of US 50 between Huron and Shoals, less than a mile west of the Martin Lawrence county line. A temporary sign will be placed at the turnoff to the cemetery. The public is invited. For further information, contact Ed Hitchcock at 812-339-0840.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Monday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale

The Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale is rapidly approaching. On Saturday, May 21 many potential treasures will be available for area bargain seekers. The sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Shoals High School parking lot. So far, items available for sale include handmade crafts, My 31, Avon, collectibles, puzzles, Longaberger, Wheatenware, and clothing. It isn't too late to join the fun! If you are interested in space rental, please contact Linda Sherfick at 812-247-3060.

CPR, First Aid training available

The American Heart Association will hold an authorized CPR and First Aid training at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center for the public Thursday, May 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The authorized trainer for both sessions is Cheryl Oliver. Cost: \$75 (Both CPR and First Aid); \$45 (CPR only); and \$30 (First Aid only). To register contact Cheryl at cprplussoin@gmail.com or (812) 968-4578.

Commissioners, council meeting

The Martin County Commissioners and Martin County Council will meet in joint executive session on Tuesday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of real property by the board of commissioners, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1. The meeting is closed to the public.

Chamber of commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, May 18 at noon at Bo Mac's at Shoals. Those planning to attend are asked to come early to order your food, and allow time to mingle with each other. The chamber welcomes all new members to attend and share a little about your business.

Sons of the Revolution meeting

The 2nd Quarter meeting of the Daniel Guthrie Chapter, Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution will be held Tuesday, May 17 at the Free Methodist Church, 640 R Street, Bedford. Dinner will be at 6 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. They will

be presenting the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate to Deputy Sheriff Dustin Rosenberg along with any other business that may come before the floor.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.



VALERIE HOVIS

New director

Blake Funeral Home would like to welcome Funeral Director Valerie Hovis to their staff. She will be joining Funeral Director Emma (Burch) Letterman, as they will both be serving the community at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Valerie is a 2004 graduate of Shoals High School and received her A.S. of Funeral Service from Vincennes University in 2008. Valerie is the daughter of Terri and Alan Hovis and currently resides in Shoals.



It is peony time. It is very important this year, since Indiana is celebrating 200 years of statehood and the peony is the state flower. That has not always been the case. The peony is actually the third state flower for the Hoosier state. The first was the flower of the tulip poplar. In 1931, the general assembly passed a proclamation making the zinnia the state flower and the tulip poplar the state tree. In 1957, the general assembly again changed the state flower, naming the peony as the official Hoosier bloom.

While I have advocated changing the state flower to a native flower, (I personally would like to see it be the coneflower.) I still appreciate the peony. Although it is native to Japan and other Asian areas, peonies have been a mainstay of western gardens for many years. The peony probably came to America by way of England and the early settlers brought them to Indiana. If one goes to old homesteads, one is likely to find a row of peonies still growing and flowering. The peony is incredibly long-lived. It is not unusual for them to live a hundred years or more.

Peonies are classified into three basic types. The most common is the herbaceous peony. These plants die back each year and sprout in spring to grow quickly into a small bush. The flowers may be quite large and heavy, often causing the bush droop. This may be remedied by putting up some sort of support. I like to use the type that has a loose grid suspended between legs. It is important to get such a system into place early, allowing the plant to grow through the grid as it matures.

Less familiar are the tree peonies. Tree peonies have woody stems and are deciduous, losing the leaves each fall. In general, tree peonies have larger flowers and bloom earlier than herbaceous peonies. At Sandhill Gardens, I have several tree peonies that have had spectacular blooms this year. However, the storms came and the blooms were torn apart. Tree peonies are often used as specimen plants and are definitely eye-catching. They are not particularly difficult plants to grow, but they are very slow-growing. My oldest tree peony is nearly twenty years old and is still less than six feet tall. I have, however, seen some tree peonies as tall as eight feet. Tree peonies are usually grafted onto the roots of herbaceous plants and a major problem is that an injury may cause the rootstock to send up herbaceous growth that may, in time, out-compete the tree peony. If you see such growth, the safest thing to do is to cut it off as quickly as possible.

The third type is the newest development. Intersectional or Itoh peonies are actually crosses between herbaceous and tree types. Like the regular herbaceous types, Itoh peonies die back to the ground each year. However, the stems tend to be larger and sturdier, so the flowers are less likely to flop. The flowers are also larger, similar in size to the tree peonies.

Peonies bloom in white and warm colors, ranging from pink to deep red

and burgundy. Tree and Itoh peonies also have yellow and apricot blooms. Many blooms are bi-color or may include several shades. Blooms may be single, semi-double or double. Some sport ruffled petals and others form bowls, often with layers of different-colored petals. All of the blooms are attractive and most have great scent.

Last year, I saw a fern-leaved peony at a botanical garden. The foliage was indeed dissected and looked like a fern. It had deep red blooms. That cultivar is on my wish-list.

Peonies have few problems. When summers are wet, the foliage may suffer from fungal diseases, usually black spot. It may be unsightly, but it is rarely fatal to the plant. When disease is present, make certain to clean up the foliage as it dies in the fall. This is true of all three types of peonies. You may apply fungicides the next year as a preventative measure. They will need to be re-applied after each rain. Once peonies have bloomed, the foliage should not be cut until it dies back itself in the fall. As long as the foliage is green, photosynthesis is feeding the plant. This is important for the next year's blooms.

If you have peonies, you probably know that the buds are often covered with ants. Some people used to think that the action of the ants was what caused the blooms to open. The experts say this is not the case. The ants are just seeking the sweet liquids that come from the buds and have no beneficial nor detrimental effect on the plant.

On Saturday, May 21, I will be hosting a plant exchange at Sandhill Gardens. We will be including all types of plants, including ornamentals, vegetables, house plants and herbs. You may also bring tools, garden décor or even gardening clothing to trade. The exchange will be from 10 a.m. until noon. Come join in the fun. You might just find the perfect plant for your garden.

Honeybees featured in Outdoor Indiana magazine

Outdoor Indiana magazine's May-June issue features a cover article on honeybees.

The article provides an overview of beekeeping in Indiana and the state's efforts in helping bees come back from colony collapse.

The issue also includes a removable eight-page booklet on Salamonie Lake, the first of three reservoirs constructed in the upper Wabash River area in the 1950s. The booklet continues the magazine's series in which one state park or reservoir property will be portrayed through 2016, the 100th anniversary of Indiana State Parks.

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Indigo Bunting

-Photos by Bill Whorrall
www.billwhorrallart.com

Like all other blue birds, Indigo Buntings lack blue pigment. Their jewel-like color comes instead from microscopic structures in the feathers that refract and reflect blue light, much like the airborne particles that cause the sky to look blue.



Indiana corn planting ahead of schedule despite wet conditions

BY DARRIN PACK
Purdue University News Service

Indiana's corn producers had 30 percent of their crop planted as of May 1 and were ahead of schedule despite more rain than normal so far this spring.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Crop Progress report issued Monday, May 2, Hoosier corn farmers were far ahead of the pace from last year, when heavy rains delayed planting in many regions.

Indiana's five-year corn planting average for May 1 is 22 percent. Only 16 percent of the crop had been planted this time last year.

"I'm surprised we got as much corn planted as showed up in the report because of the rain," said Bob Nielsen, Purdue Extension corn specialist.

Reports from the Indiana State Climate Office based at Purdue show above average precipitation for most of the state since March 1. Rainy weather was expected to continue through at least the first week of May.

Nielsen said farmers who haven't yet planted their crops shouldn't rush into wet fields or think about switching to

shorter-maturity hybrids.

"It is still too early to worry about any possible delays," Nielsen said. "We know these kinds of delays are not automatically detrimental to yield."

Planting in wet fields can cause soil compaction. Compaction occurs when soil particles are pressed tightly together under heavy loads, such as planting machinery. The compressed particles are less able to absorb moisture and nutrients, increasing the risk of erosion and runoff and making it more difficult for plants to develop healthy root systems.

Planting should move quickly once the weather improves and fields begin to dry out, Nielsen said.

"It's hard to be patient," he said. "Nevertheless, I hope people will use common sense. We know we can plant a lot of crops in a short period of time. We can punch out the rest of these acres pretty quick."

Soybean planting was just underway in Indiana, with the Crop Progress report showing 6 percent of the crop planted compared with 3 percent this time last year and a five-year average of 8 percent.

**Thank you to the voters of Martin County
for their support in the Primary.
I would also like to thank the poll workers
and County Highway Garage workers for
all they did to make this election a success.**

JULIE FITHIAN

Candidate for Martin County Treasurer

-Paid for by Julie Fithian



Certificate

-Photo provided

Mr. Edward Hitchcock and Mr. Larry Decker are shown above presenting Mayor Harty and the City of Loogootee with a certificate of appreciation from the Daniel Guthrie Chapter of Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for flying the United States flag year round on the city square. Mr. Hitchcock presents certificates to cities, funeral homes, businesses, etc. around Southern Indiana who display the flag year round to honor the United States of America.

Fall 2016 deadline for 2017 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

The 2017 Martin County Lilly Endowment Community Scholar will be named early in December 2016. Previous scholarship recipients were identified in March of the year they graduated from high school. The change affects the program for all Indiana community foundations.


"The 2017 Scholar will receive our community's 36th Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship," said Community Foundation Partnership's CEO Hope Flores. "We are thrilled to provide this scholarship opportunity to Martin County students."

The advanced timeline is the result of a "compelling recommendation" from community foundations who participated in a statewide evaluation of the program conducted by Lilly Endowment in 2015. During the evaluation process,

a number of community foundations suggested that identifying Lilly Scholars earlier in the school year would give more time for them to decide which college or university to attend.


Martin County Community Foundation is adjusting its timeline for choosing a local scholar. The Foundation's Program Coordinator is reviewing the scholarship criteria and selection process to ensure it is compatible with the new deadline.

The Foundation will make Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship applications for 2017 graduates available on-line in early August 2016. Completed applications will be due to the Community Foundation sometime in September 2016. The dates will be announced to high school guidance offices when school resumes in August.



**MARTIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director

-- A PHILANTHROPIST --

In past columns I have discussed how the mission of the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is to improve the quality of life for people in our county and how we can accomplish that goal only through the donations of those we may or may not know. Because of their good intentions and care and concern for our county, these people give their time and money to make life better for others in our community. That is the definition of a philanthropist.

-- WANDA HARDING --

We, all of us as a community, have recently lost one such person. Wanda Harding passed away on April 25 and will be truly missed by many people within Martin County. Wanda quietly gave so much of her time, so many of her smiles, so many words of encouragement, and so many actions, all of which no doubt touched most people in the county, whether they know it or not. She gave back to her community in a way that encouraged others to do the same. Her memories and her legacy live on in those people and the people they then help. And so through Wanda's spark, a cycle of care and love grows.

-- A SERVANT'S HEART --

We have already seen first-hand or heard how much Wanda was involved in varying capacities in community and civic organizations. Wanda is also a critical part of the MCCF history. She was a founding board member at the inception of the Foundation in 1999. She continued to serve as a board member or on various committees for more than a decade. The MCCF recognized Wanda in 2014 as one of our Martin County Philanthropists of the Year.

-- GIVING FOREVER --

Wanda was an early donor to the MCCF when in 1999 she established the Leo Harding Memorial Fund that provides for ongoing support of the



WANDA HARDING

Harding Diamond baseball field in Shoals. She then established the Shoals Library Fund and the Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund over the next several years, culminating with her co-founding the Martin County Historical Society Endowment Fund in 2009.

Through these funds, Wanda's caring heart and gifts will give forever, bringing, for generations to come, a glimpse of her smile and her optimism for life...

-- THANK YOU --

Thank you, Wanda. You will always be remembered.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

German American Bank is the sponsor of the 2016 summer reading program "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ". The program will focus on moving and reading this summer. There are lots of hands-on activities planned as well as family events. There will be daily crafts, Bingo for a Book, WonderLab, a book walk, and much more. We will have the June calendar available soon.

Wini Frances will read her new children's book, "Autumn Day on an Amish Farm" at the library on Tuesday evening, May 24 from 5:30-7. Autographed copies of her book will be available for \$8.50.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Troublemaker" by Linda Howard

Fiction: "Prayers the Devil Answered" by Sharyn McCrumb.

Inspirational Fiction: "Messenger" by Stephanie Grace Whitson.

DVDs: "Dolly Pardon's Coat of Many Colors" and "The Choice".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Martin County SWCD

Fish Sale



Orders along with payment must be received no later than NOON, Friday, May 20th.

Fish will be delivered to the SWCD office on Tuesday, May 24th, at 10 a.m.

Please make checks to the Martin Co. SWCD.

For more information contact the SWCD office at 812-295-3149 or check the website at www.martinswcd.com.

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Plus tax. *Minimum 5 on Grass Carp.

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LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

2016 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



MACEY BAXTER

Macey Lynn Baxter is the daughter of Monica Roedel. While in high school, she has been in Beta Club all four years, Spanish Club, SADD, Spell Bowl, and Student Council in grades 9-11, Pep Club in 10th grade, and cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades. She played basketball all four years and track and cross country her sophomore year. Macey plans to attend VU and USI and study occupational therapy.



BRANDON HEMBREE

Brandon M. Hembree, while in high school, was a cadet teacher and did job shadowing his senior year. He plans to attend VU and study product design.



KENDALL BURCH

Kendall Nicole Burch is the daughter of Andrew and Shannon Burch. While in high school, she was a Lionette, in SADD, Beta Club and Spanish Club all four years; FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, in Student Council in 9th, 11th, and 12th grades; did job shadowing in 9th-11th grades and was an intern her senior year. She served as co-captain and captain of the Lionettes and treasurer of the Beta Club. She played volleyball in grades 9, 10, and 11. Kendall plans to attend Indiana University but is undecided on her course of study.

Lady Lions blast Lady Thunderbirds

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

Last Friday night the Lady Lions traveled to Eastern Greene to meet up with the Lady Thunderbirds and Loogootee came home a 32 to 6 winner. Bailey Davis (1-0) got the win, giving up eight hits, while striking out four and walking one. Loogootee improved to 11-4 on the season.

Loogootee jumped out to an 11-0 lead after the first half inning, but a few timely Thunderbird hits, thrown in with four Loogootee errors, allowed Eastern Greene to put up five runs of

their own. The Lady Lions took their chastising from coach Greg Clark to heart and only allowed one Thunderbird run the rest of the five inning run rule contest, while scoring 21 more runs of their own.

Julianne Bell tripled, hit two doubles and had a total of six hits, eight runs batted in and scored six runs in leading the Lady Lions to the win. Tyanna Graber tripled, had two singles and drove in four runs while touching the plate three times. Bailey Davis also tripled, hit two doubles and added two singles while driving five runs. Breigh LaMar scored three runs, drove in one, while

going 2 for 4 at the plate. Mayson Riley was 2 for 5, with two runs batted in. Sydney Davis scored twice, drove in three while going 2 for 3. Paige Walton and Shelby Graber each scored three runs, while Calli Winger scored four runs, drove in two, and went 1 for 2 on the day.

Jayleigh Wagoner singled up the middle and scored, and she also scored four runs while courtesy running for Bailey Davis. Halle Sheetz was hit by a pitch and came around to score, and Mallory Berry crossed the dish two times while courtesy running for the catcher, Mayson Riley.

Lady Lions dismantle Lady Warriors

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

On a night when a muddy field at North Knox High School forced the Lady Warriors to host the softball game at Leo J Costello Field, those same Lady Warriors found hosting at Costello Field not much to their liking, losing the Blue Chip Conference game to the "visiting" Lady Lions of Loogootee 16 to 1 in five innings.

Sydney Davis spun the win for the Lady Lions, striking out five, walking one and giving up the one earned run to the Lady Warriors in the 4th inning on a two out single and a triple before

getting the next hitter to bounce into a 6-3 groundout to end the inning. Meanwhile, the Lady Lions put up runs in each inning except the 3rd in route to the win. Loogootee scored 2 on the top of the first as Julianne Bell singled, stole second and then came home on the Tyanna Graber triple. Graber scampered home on the ground out to short by the next Lion batter. In the second inning, two errors by the Lady Warriors and a base on balls set the stage for Tyanna Graber to hit the first Grand Slam of her young career, scoring Paige Walton, Calli Winger, and Julianne Bell with the blast.

The ladies scored one run in the 4th, when Breigh LaMar reached first base and eventually scored on the ground out to second base off the bat of Paige Walton. The top of the 5th saw the Lady Lions explode for nine runs. Calli Winger, Julianne Bell, Tyanna Graber all singled before Bailey Davis and Breigh LaMar drew walks. Mayson Riley doubled, and then with one out Paige Walton singled, Calli Winger doubled, Julianne Bell singled, and Bailey Davis singled in the inning.

The Lady Warriors went down 123 in the bottom of the 5th on two line drives and fly ball.

Wildcats pounce on Lady Lions

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

When the Jasper Wildcats come to town, we can usually expect a team that is fundamentally sound, with excellent defense, a stellar offense and some of the best pitching in the state. Thursday night, the number 1 ranked, in 3A, 'Cats did not disappoint, winning 12-2 in six innings. Sydney Davis took the loss for the Lions, dropping her record to 9-3, while the Lions record is now 10-4.

The Lions threatened in the 2nd inning when both Breigh LaMar and Sydney Davis both drew walks, but a ground out and a strike out ended that threat. A Tyanna Graber home run in the third inning put one run on the board and a Paige Walton triple in the 5th led to the Lady Lions only other run.

The JV Lady Lions also lost to Jasper by a score of 12-0. Jayleigh Wagoner took the loss for the Lady Lions.



April Students of the Month

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students of the Month for April were recently chosen. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Maycee Hembree, Selah Stevens, Sophia Toy, and Lovena Wagler. In the second row, from left to right, are Kamila Wilson, Libby Swartzentruber, Ajada Carrico, Emma Lingenfelter, and Wesley Kern. In the back row, from left to right, are Justin Cronin, Bryar Walton, Koen Waggner, Cohen Walton, Chloe Goodpaster, and Karson Burch.

Loogootee Lady Lions leave 'Jackets blue

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

The Lady Lions traveled to Mitchell Tuesday evening, May 3 and returned home with a 5 to 0 shutout and they improved their record to 10-3 on the season. Sydney Davis (10-2) got the win in the complete game shutout, striking out nine and not allowing a Bluejacket runner past second base.

Mitchell did threaten in the first inning. With two outs, Haas and McCameron both singled, before Mattingly struck out to end that threat. A lead-off double by Haas in 4th inning was

quenched by three straight strike outs by Davis. A single to start the 5th inning was wasted as Tyanna Graber and Paige Walton worked together to pick that runner off, and from then on it was three up three down for the Lady Bluejackets.

Loogootee got on the board in the 3rd inning when a one out walk was issued to Calli Winger. Julianne Bell sacrificed Winger over to second, and the two-out double by Tyanna Graber scored Winger. Loogootee threatened in the fourth inning, but had to wait until the fifth inning to add three runs. Julianne Bell singled with one out to get things rolling, and stole second base a

pitch or so later. Tyanna Graber worked an 8 pitch at bat into a walk, as Bell stole third. After an uncontested advance to second base by Graber, Bailey Davis singled home Bell. Following the second out of the inning, Breigh LaMar lofted a double to right that scored both Graber and Davis.

The Lady Lions fifth and final run of the game came in 7th inning, when Bailey Davis led off with a single up the middle. Mayson Riley reached first on the misplayed ball in left. With one out, Sydney Davis doubled to right center, scoring Bailey Davis for Loogootee's fifth run.

Loogootee Elementary continues to recycle

Loogootee Elementary students are still busy collecting plastic bottle lids. The lids are being collected to promote recycling, through creating benches for the classrooms.

The classroom benches take 100 pounds of lids and \$65 to have each made. There were enough lids collected this year to have four benches made. Loogootee Elementary Instructional Assistant Joni Parker was once again

responsible for transporting the plastic lids to Evansville and returning with the benches. The goal of this project will be to eventually have a recycled bench in each classroom. The sponsors of the four new benches this year were CVS Pharmacy, Edward Jones, Williams Bros. Health Care Pharmacy, and Mayor Noel Harty. The elementary wants to thank the sponsors for making this possible.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Edward Jones sponsored the bench for Marci Arthur's third grade room. In the front row, from left to right, are Landon Bowling, Breanna Courter, Olivia Christmas, Morgan Mattingly, Lashawna Allen, Evie Goldsberry, Morgan Brim, Rylei Huff-Williams, and Luke Guy. In the second row, from left to right, are Tate Long, Koen Waggner, Amber Cagle, Judith Park, Marlen Walters, Brock Rayhill, John Gleason, Avery Brock, Aidan Sheetz, Wade Walton, Isaac Tarr, Kayden Honeycutt, Olivia Edmond, and Donna Yang. In the back row, from left to right, are Brent Courter, representing Edward Jones and Teacher Marci Arthur.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

CVS Pharmacy sponsored the bench for Shannon Wagler's first grade room. In the front row, from left to right, are Misty Neal, Brynn Lengacher, Libby Swartzentruber, Ava Jeffers, Phoenix Parsons, Lilly Lottes, Cloe Crays, and Aubrey Gilbert. In the back row, from left to right, are Teacher Shannon Wagler, Kaleb Meyer, Carton Walton, Isaiah Jones, Erick Resler, Kelli Mathies, representing CVS; Anderson Williams, Reed Brittain, and Dawson Potts.

LHS Varsity Tennis suffers first loss

The Loogootee High School Girls' Tennis teams travelled to Paoli last Thursday, May 5 and the varsity suffered their first loss of the season. Paoli defeated the varsity 4-1 and the junior varsity 2-1.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "Tuesday we got off to a great start and it helped us to a victory. Today, it was the complete opposite. It took us awhile to get going but we couldn't maintain the momentum. This was the first of seven consecutive road matches. We need to do a better job coming out of the gate."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Meagan Dooley (P) defeated Emily Bateman 6-1, 6-2

#2 Singles Jessica Fullington (P) defeated Katie Sims 6-0, 2-6, 6-2

#3 Singles Emma Osborn (P) defeated Jody Seals 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Shelby Meredith/Alyssa Osborn (P) defeated Eden Jenkins/Emma Walters 6-3, 4-6, 6-2

#2 Doubles Tara Pennington/Meghan Mathies (L) defeated Lexi Osborn/Chloe Elliott 6-4, 2-6, 6-3

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Hannah Sanders (P) defeated Kashten Burch 7-6 (4)

#1 Doubles Breanna Hollaway/Abbie Williams (L) Emily Leone/Maddie May 8-4

#2 Doubles Laundon Goldsby/Kennedy Slaten (P) Cora Hedrick/Leonna Hedrick 8-4



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty sponsored the bench for Jill Toy's kindergarten room. In the front row, from left to right, are Lily Haburne, Cami Blanton, Alex Merkley, Lila Williams, Austen Nelson, Gabriella Osborne, Austin Willis, Chase Epple, and Gabe Shinn. In the second row, from left to right, are Toni Browder, Madison Davis, Jacob Venters, Chase Miller, Rhett Whitney, Dayson Taylor, and Maycee Hembree. In the back row, from left to right, are Mayor Harty and Teacher Jill Toy.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Williams Bros. Health Care Pharmacy sponsored the bench for Amber Smith's second grade. In the front row, from left to right, are Brooklyn Carrico, Colt Kerns, Brooklyn Knepp, Ethan Moffatt, Montana Scales, Grace Bledsoe, and Chloe Lawson. In the second row, from left to right, are Makayla Risley, Olivia Holt, Olivia Abel, Anderson Aiman, Carson Trambaugh, Cohen Walton, Joe Graber, Hailey Osborne, Jonathan Fraley, and Noah Smith. In the back row, from left to right, are Allison Taylor, representing Williams Bros. and Teacher Amber Smith.

Loogootee JH Track travels to Vincennes

The Loogootee Junior High Track Team traveled to Vincennes Clark Middle School on May 4, in a meet rescheduled from April 26.

Loogootee MS Golf takes two wins

The Loogootee Middle School Golf Team competed against Washington at Lakeview Golf Course last Monday. Loogootee won with a team score of 184, Washington shot 196. Co-medalists were Nathan Seals and Jacob Bowman with 45s. Seth Blackwell shot 46 and Jarrett Arvin shot 48. Also competing were Seth Gillick, A.J. Bosell, Ayden Wilson and Tucker Walton. On May 5, Loogootee Middle School Golf defeated Orleans and Borden with team scores of 182-226-245. Co-medalists were Nathan Seals and Seth Blackwell with 44. Silas Bauer, 45, and Seth Gillick, 49, rounded out the scoring. Jarrett Arvin, AJ Bosell, Ayden Wilson, Mason Roark, and Jacob Bowman also participated.

The 7th grade boys lost 90-23. Levi Pendley won the long jump, 400-meter dash, 100-meter dash, and 200-meter dash. Lucas Brittain placed second in the 1,600.

The 8th grade boys lost 62-51. Jamie Cronin placed second in the long jump, 100-meter, and 200-meter. Nathaniel Hart won the 1,600- and 800-meter, and placed second in high jump.

Blake Wright and Sean Page placed 1 and 2 in the discus. Blake also placed 3rd in the shot put.

In the 400-meter dash, Sean Page earned a 3rd place ribbon. Jonathan Hager placed second in the 110-meter hurdles.

The boys placed first in the 400-meter relay, and second in the 1,600-meter relay.

The 7th grade girls placed second. Kaylee Auterson placed 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles. She also placed third in the 400-meter dash. India Arvin placed 3rd in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

Indiana tanks top 5 in the nation for business

Indiana ranked first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation for doing business by Chief Executive magazine, advancing one spot from No. 6 overall just last year.

The magazine's "Best & Worst States For Business" ranking is based on surveys of more than 500 CEOs. According to Chief Executive, the results of the 12th annual survey show that CEOs favor states with friendly tax and regulatory climates, quality workforces and strong living environments, which includes cost of living, education and state and local attitudes towards business.

"Indiana is a state that works for business because of our world-class economic climate and talented, dedicated workforce," said Governor Mike Pence. "This ranking confirms what we in the Hoosier state already know to be true – that Indiana holds the line on spending, maintains strong reserves and keeps the cost of doing business affordable through record tax cuts."

As highlighted by Chief Executive, Indiana's tax and regulatory policy ranks in the top 10 in the nation while the state's workforce quality ranks in the top five. Indiana's corporate tax rate fell by a half percentage point for the fourth straight year, from seven percent to 6.5 percent. It will reach 4.9 percent by 2021. The ranking also recognizes Indiana's status as a right-to-work state.

Indiana's ranking makes it the only Midwestern state in the publication's top five. Among neighboring states, Ohio ranked No. 10, Kentucky ranked No. 24, Michigan ranked No. 40 and Illinois ranked No. 48.

The Chief Executive ranking comes on the heels of recent economic success stories in Indiana. Just last week Salesforce, a top 10 software company, announced plans to significantly expand its regional headquarters in Indianapolis, investing \$40 million and creating up to 800 new jobs. At full employment, the expansion is expected to generate up to \$122.7 million annually toward Indiana's GDP and will provide \$60.1 million in tax revenue to the state and local community over the next 20 years, according to calculations by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Chief Executive magazine is a bi-monthly publication for top management executives published by the Chief Executive Group LLC. Founded in 1977, the Chief Executive Group LLC is headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut. The full survey results are available at <http://chiefexecutive.net/2016-best-and-worst-states-for-business-full-list/>.

State launches business web portal aimed at streamlining steps for new businesses

Governor Mike Pence and Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson on Monday announced the launch of INBiz, the first phase of the state's business one-stop web portal. INBiz is aimed at streamlining the steps a business takes when registering with the state, including registration, filing, reporting, and making payments. This first phase of the project includes business services within the Secretary of State's office, and will include services from the Department of Revenue and Department of Workforce Development later this year. As the portal continues to grow, INBiz will become the single point of contact for businesses as they do business with the state.

"From day one of this administration, we have been focused on cultivating a more business-friendly environment that encourages investment and opportunity for all Hoosiers," said Governor Pence. "We've cut taxes and red tape, invested in our classrooms, our workforce and the infrastructure that makes Indiana the Crossroads of America. In just the last three years our state has added 130,000 new jobs, and we set a record for private sector employment. With the launch of INBiz, we'll be able to build on this momentum, increase efficiencies and make it easier for businesses to start up, operate and grow within the state of Indiana, saving owners time and money that can be reinvested into growing and operating their companies."

INBiz furthers Indiana's position as one of the nation's most pro-business environments. The site modernizes the current business registration system and enables businesses to open their doors faster. INBiz also utilizes state-of-the-art security features so businesses can feel safe about inputting business information into the system. Ten years ago, Indiana became a leader in business services when it began offering an online filing system.

INBiz is available at INBiz.in.gov. The \$9.1 million in funding for the initiative was included in the most recent biennial budget.



Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and the Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) announced a Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) on Thursday, May 5 during an event held at Crane. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

NSWC Crane, OAI announce Partnership Intermediary Agreement

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and the Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) announced a Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) on Thursday, May 5 during an event held at Crane. The event included representatives from both Crane and OAI, including NSWC Crane Commanding Officer CAPT Jeffrey Elder and OAI Senior Program Manager Howard Thompson. The purpose of this PIA is to promote cooperative activities between NSWC Crane, the State of Ohio, OAI members, small business firms and educational institutions served by OAI.

During the signing, CAPT Elder stressed the importance of the agreement. "Both OAI and Crane are committed to research and discovery of advanced technology initiatives. This agreement will not only allow for such research and discovery, but it will also bring together federal lab resources with industry leaders, academia and innovative end users and customers in an open and collaborative environment."

NSWC Crane Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA) and Technology Transfer (T2) Program Manager Brooke Pyne was also in attendance during the signing. She explained, "Partnering with regional entities, like OAI, deepens our knowledge in critical technology areas and increases the success level of our national T2 program which provides collaborative opportunities between industry, academia and the federal lab."

Thompson, who is also the OAI designated representative responsible for

coordination of activities under the PIA, provided additional details on the OAI's mission. "The services provided by OAI are intended to bring together federal lab resources with industry leaders, academia and innovative end users and customers in an open and collaborative environment," he said. "OAI's mission is to enhance our partners' aerospace competitiveness through research and technology development, workforce preparedness and engagement with global networks for innovation and advocacy."

During Thursday's event, Thompson also toured NSWC Crane with the intent of gaining a better understanding of its technical capabilities and how to align regional industry and academia to mission areas.

A PIA allows a partnership intermediary to perform services for NSWC Crane that increase the likelihood of success in the conduct of cooperative or joint activities with small business firms, institutions, higher education or educational institutions.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane (NSWC Crane) is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Missions, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. NSWC Crane's Special Missions focus area is the center of excellence for special warfare weapons and weaponry, providing full-spectrum life-cycle engineering and testing support functions for reliable and effective weapons, munitions and electronic systems for special operations and expeditionary forces.

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Hoosiers benefit from new WIC guidelines

More Indiana families may be eligible for nutrition benefits through the Women, Infants and Children program under revised federal poverty guidelines for 2016.

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and managed by the Indiana State Department of Health. It provides healthy foods, breastfeeding support and nutrition education to pregnant women, postpartum women, breastfeeding mothers and children up to the age of 5 who are at health or nutritional risk and meet income guidelines. More than 150,000 Hoosiers participate in the program each month.

“WIC provides expectant mothers, infants and young children education and resources to develop healthy eating habits early in life,” said Indiana WIC Director Eldon Whetstone. “WIC staff include registered dietitians and certified lactation consultants who can provide participants support they cannot receive anywhere else. I encourage anyone who could benefit from our services to visit our website to locate the WIC clinic nearest them and inquire whether they are eligible.”

To qualify for WIC benefits, individuals must have incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level. Families who receive Medicaid or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program benefits already meet the income requirements. Families who do not qualify for these programs may be eligible for WIC because of its higher income limits.

Income guidelines are based on gross pay and household size. A pregnant woman counts as two household members. Under the revised guidelines, a family of two making \$29,637 a year before deductions can qualify for WIC

benefits, while a family of four making \$44,955 a year is eligible. For a full list of guidelines by family size, visit <http://1.usa.gov/1WbT8Ps>.

Using WIC benefits has never been easier. By September, all Indiana WIC participants will be using an EBT card instead of paper checks. The card looks like a debit card and is loaded with WIC benefits, allowing participants to purchase authorized foods anytime during their 30-day benefit cycle.

For more information about Indiana WIC or to find a clinic, visit www.wic.in.gov or call (800) 522-0874.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.StateHealth.in.gov for important health and safety information, or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/isdh1.

Begin 2 Biz to feature Destination Yachts founder

The Lock & Key co-working space presents the second monthly Begin 2 Biz event, featuring Destination Yachts founder and owner Sheldon Graber as the speaker May 17. Begin 2 Biz is an open hour/speaker entrepreneurial event that takes place monthly.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., open hours are set aside for interested entrepreneurs and business owners to meet with industry experts. Graber, the entrepreneurial guest speaker, is scheduled to speak from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Graber will talk about his experience transitioning Destination Yachts from startup to nationwide business. He will also discuss why he chose to start his business in his hometown in Daviess County.

Both the open hours and the speaker session are free and open to the public. No appointments are necessary.

Radius Indiana adds Director of Crane Community Support

Radius Indiana Monday announced that former Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Deputy Technical Director, Matt Craig will serve as the Director of Crane Community Support. This new position within Radius will work to attract new defense business investment to the region, and elevate awareness for Naval Support Activity Crane in the community, the state and within the U.S. Department of Defense.

“Crane is vitally important to our local economy, and it is also indispensable to our military and our country. The Director of Crane Community Support will help ensure that the public is well informed on the impact and opportunities the naval installation brings to our area,” said Becky Skillman, Radius Indiana CEO. “We are extremely fortunate to have Matt join the Radius team. His experience and years of dedication to Crane’s mission make him an invaluable asset in our efforts to strengthen the region and create more jobs in the defense sector.”

Beginning May 16, 2016, Craig will work with local leaders in the Radius region and surrounding counties to strengthen the network of advocacy for NSA Crane. The Director will facilitate meetings and events to raise awareness of NSA Crane both locally and on a national level. He also will engage the NSA Crane customer base within the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal agencies while maintaining close working relationships with members of Congress and military leadership. In addition, the Director will work with the Radius Indiana Business Development staff to increase research opportunities and investment in the region, as well as collaborate with the Radius Defense & Nation-

al Security Advisory Council, the Southern Indiana Business Alliance and the Indiana Office of Defense Development.

“The value of military installations is continually assessed by the Department of Defense, and on a local level it is imperative that we understand how that value is determined and how it can be enhanced,” said Craig. “I am excited to begin this important work with Radius to build partnerships and focus on the military-community relationships that are important to sustaining Crane’s economic vitality in our region.”

Craig retired from NSWC Crane after 30 years of service; his last appointment was as the deputy technical director and interim technical director. He was responsible for overall quality of work performed by more than 3,000 employees, and led the initial development of an engineering competency model to improve the effectiveness and capabilities-based strategic positioning of NSWC Crane. He also chaired the Executive Leadership Team in its efforts to address strategic direction and human capital strategy. Craig also held positions at NSWC Crane as the director of the Microwave Systems and the Spectrum Warfare departments as well as manager of the Radar and Microwave Technology business units.

Craig began his career as a radio electronics technician in the Indiana Army National Guard and then served in the U.S. Navy as a fire control radar technician, Leading Petty Officer. He is a member of the American Society of Naval Engineers, the National Defense Industries Association and the Association of Old Crows. During his distinguished career, Craig received the Meritorious Civilian Service award for his service to NSWC Crane.

Radius Indiana adds Director of Community Development

Radius Indiana last week announced that Stacy Shonk has joined the staff as the Director of Community Development, a new position within Radius. The addition strengthens the regional economic partnership’s ongoing initiatives and increases outreach efforts to stakeholders in the region.

“Stacy is a welcome addition to the Radius team. Her enthusiasm for economic development, and our region, will help us continue our mission to grow a strong and progressive business environment,” said Radius Indiana Chief Operating Officer Jeff Quyle.

Shonk will work closely with regional communities to support local initiatives that improve and maintain “quality of place” and help maximize involvement with programs such as Indiana Main Street. In addition, she will offer assistance and education for retail recruitment, especially in downtown and courthouse sectors. She will also help cities and towns connect with state, federal and nonprofit programs for assistance in façade programs.

As the Director of Community Development, Shonk will provide statistical analysis and reporting of workforce and economic development data, which will be used in a variety of business development initiatives. “This data is incredibly important to

site selectors as they make location decisions; it characterizes the business and operating environments in the Radius region,” said Quyle.

Prior to joining Radius Indiana, Shonk worked in economic development at Hoosier Energy where she collaborated with directors of local and regional economic development organizations to implement incentive programs. She also served on a team at Indiana State University, which developed a targeted industry study concerning economic development in Terre Haute for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. Shonk is a resident of the Radius region, and holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Indiana State University.

ABOUT RADIUS INDIANA: Radius Indiana is a regional partnership representing eight counties in Southwest Central Indiana: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington counties. Formed in 2009, Radius Indiana also serves as a point of contact in Indiana for Naval Support Activity Crane and leads regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of Southwest Central Indiana to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business, thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region.

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National unemployment stays at 5 percent for April

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 160,000 in April, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 5.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, and financial activities. Job losses continued in mining.

Household Survey Data

In April, the unemployment rate held at 5.0 percent, and the number of unemployed persons was little changed at 7.9 million. Both measures have shown little movement since August.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for Hispanics increased to 6.1 percent in April, while the rates for adult men (4.6 percent), adult women (4.5 percent), teenagers (16.0 percent), Whites (4.3 percent), Blacks (8.8 percent), and Asians (3.8 percent) showed little or no change.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined by 150,000 to 2.1 million in April. These individuals accounted for 25.7 percent of the unemployed.

In April, the labor force participation rate decreased to 62.8 percent, and the employment-population ratio edged down to 59.7 percent.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (also referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was about unchanged in April at 6.0 million and has shown little movement since November. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find a full-time job.

In April, 1.7 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 400,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 568,000 discouraged workers in April, down by 188,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.)

Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in April had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 160,000 in April. Over the prior 12 months, employment growth had averaged 232,000 per month. In April, employment gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, and financial activities, while mining continued to lose jobs.

Professional and business services added 65,000 jobs in April. The industry added an average of 51,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months. In April, job gains occurred in management and technical consulting services (+21,000) and in computer systems design and related services (+7,000).

In April, health care employment rose by 44,000, with most of the increase occurring in hospitals (+23,000)

and ambulatory health care services (+19,000). Over the year, health care employment has increased by 502,000.

Employment in financial activities rose by 20,000 in April, with credit intermediation and related activities (+8,000) contributing to the gain. Financial activities has added 160,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Mining employment continued to decline in April (-7,000). Since reaching a peak in September 2014, employment in mining has decreased by 191,000, with more than three-quarters of the loss in support activities for mining.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, leisure and hospitality, and government, showed little or no change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 34.5 hours in April. The manufacturing workweek and overtime remained unchanged at 40.7 hours and 3.3 hours, respectively. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was up by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 8 cents to \$25.53, following an increase of 6 cents in March. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 2.5 percent.

In April, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 5 cents to \$21.45.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised from +245,000 to +233,000, and the change for March was revised from +215,000 to +208,000. With these revisions, employment gains in February and March combined were 19,000 less than previously reported. Over the past 3 months, job gains have averaged 200,000 per month.

Zoeller: New FDA rule on e-cigarettes a belated but positive step

Having long warned about the growing use of e-cigarettes by Hoosier youth, Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller last Thursday said that he is pleased the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will begin regulating e-cigarettes similar to combustible cigarettes but is disappointed by how long it has taken FDA to reach this step to curb use of the nicotine-delivery devices.

The FDA, last Thursday, finalized a new federal rule that deems electronic cigarettes to be under the FDA's regulatory enforcement authority – something that a group of state attorneys general including Zoeller had called for two years ago – which means the devices must undergo a review process to remain on the market. The FDA rule bans the sale of e-cigarette products to those under age 18. The rule also brings other types of tobacco products that have gained popularity in recent years – premium cigars, little cigars, cigarillos and hookah, among other things – under FDA regulation, similar to combustible tobacco cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and roll-your-own tobacco.

Though the new rule is generally a good start, Zoeller said, the FDA rule-adoption process took too long and it will take longer still for the various requirements of the rule to be fully implemented under a series of staggered



Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) was featured during a technical demonstration day at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in the auditorium of Humphreys Building in the Washington Navy Yard on April 21. CAPT Elder, Commanding Office, NSWC Crane is pictured above with Crane employee Mr. Jawad Abuasabeh interacting with EW technology. (Photo by NSWC Crane Public Affairs)

Crane capabilities showcased at Washington Navy Yard

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) was featured during a technical demonstration day at Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in the auditorium of Humphreys Building in the Washington Navy Yard on April 21.

NSWC Crane Commanding Officer Capt. Jeffrey Elder noted that the day was an opportunity to showcase Crane's value to the military and to highlight its focus areas – which include Special Mission support, Electronic Warfare and Strategic Missions.

"Telling our technical story to key stakeholders was vital to communicating our mission, vision and the support we provide to the warfighter in giving them a decisive advantage," Elder explained.

Subject matter experts (SMEs) represented Crane's areas of expertise through displays, printed materials and other interactive information.

Other focus areas represented at the demonstration day included Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) microelectronics, 3D printed Electronic Warfare

(EW) cyber drone, management and traffic decoding, empowering cooperative EW experimentation through DoD networks, Naval Special Warfare (NSW) rapid innovation, STEM, T2 and others.

"The event was a great opportunity to showcase our cutting-edge technology and innovative efforts. The interactive and virtual experiences demonstrated the technical capabilities that NSWC Crane develops, fields and supports," explained NSWC Crane's Acting Technical Director Tricia Herndon.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Special Missions, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. NSWC Crane's Special Missions focus area is the center of excellence for special warfare weapons and weaponry, providing full-spectrum life-cycle engineering and testing support functions for reliable and effective weapons, munitions and electronic systems for special operations and expeditionary forces.

timelines. In the meantime, more young Hoosiers have tried the popular battery-operated e-cigarettes that deliver nicotine in a vapor form and appear to have become hooked on them, he said.

"While the rule may be a positive step by the FDA, the two-year delay in the process to reach a final rule and the bureaucratic delays built into the compliance requirements and the length of the review process before any FDA enforcement actions guarantees that nothing will happen in the near future. My overall complaint is that the FDA has shown more concern for the business of tobacco than the public health risks to youth over four to five years," Zoeller said.

As Indiana's top consumer protection official, AG Zoeller is former co-chair of the Tobacco Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), and he currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Truth Initiative, a national public health organization dedicated to ending tobacco use in the United States because of the health risks of addictive nicotine and other chemicals in tobacco products.

In April 2014, the Food and Drug Administration proposed a rule adding e-cigarettes and other tobacco products to the 2009 federal Tobacco Control Act so that the products could be reg-

ulated similarly to traditional tobacco products. In August 2014, Zoeller was among 29 state attorneys general who urged FDA to quickly finalize those regulations. The group of AGs sent official comments to the FDA supporting the proposed regulations and recommending they be strengthened, to ban flavors, prohibit Internet sales and require the same advertising and marketing restrictions on e-cigarettes as on combustible cigarettes. But the FDA had the rule under review for nearly two more years. AG Zoeller and Maine Attorney General Janet Mills in June 2015 sent another letter to the FDA, questioning the delay in the rulemaking process and asking FDA to finalize the new rule promptly.

FDA's announcement last week does not take effect until August 2016 and individual requirements have various staggered timelines that could delay compliance by another 24 to 36 months past the effective date, Zoeller noted.

Among the new restrictions:

E-cigarette products can be sold only to those age 18 or older.

The newly-deemed products, including e-cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos and hookah devices, must carry health warnings.

E-cigarette products will be prohibited in vending machines, except at adult-only facilities.